

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 1:16CR09-03
(Judge Keeley)

KEITH ANTONIO COHENS,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY IN FELONY CASE (DKT. NO. 107),
ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEA, AND SCHEDULING SENTENCING HEARING

On May 12, 2016, the defendant, Keith Antonio Cohens ("Cohens"), appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Aloï and moved for permission to enter a plea of GUILTY to Count Sixteen of the Indictment. After Cohens stated that he understood that the magistrate judge is not a United States District Judge, he consented to tendering his plea before the magistrate judge. Previously, this Court had referred the guilty plea to the magistrate judge for the purposes of administering the allocution pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, making a finding as to whether the plea was knowingly and voluntarily entered, and recommending to this Court whether the plea should be accepted.

Based upon Cohens' statements during the plea hearing and the testimony of John Large, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the magistrate judge found that Cohens was competent to enter a plea, that the plea was freely and voluntarily given,

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that he was aware of the nature of the charges against him and the consequences of his plea, and that a factual basis existed for the tendered plea. On May 12, 2016, the magistrate judge entered a Report and Recommendation Concerning Plea of Guilty in Felony Case ("R&R") (dkt. no. 107) finding a factual basis for the plea and recommending that this Court accept Cohens' plea of guilty to Count Sixteen of the Indictment.

The magistrate judge also directed the parties to file any written objections to the R&R within fourteen (14) days after service of the R&R. He further advised that failure to file objections would result in a waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based on the R&R. The parties did not file any objections to the R&R.

Accordingly, this Court **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's R&R, **ACCEPTS** Cohens' guilty plea, and **ADJUGES** him **GUILTY** of the crime charged in Count Sixteen of the Indictment.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(e)(2) and U.S.S.G. § 6B1.1(c), the Court **DEFERS** acceptance of the proposed plea agreement until it has received and reviewed the presentence report prepared in this matter.

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Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 6A1 et seq., the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The Probation Officer shall undertake a presentence investigation of Cohens and prepare a presentence report for the Court;

2. The Government and Cohens are to provide their versions of the offense to the probation officer by **June 14, 2016**;

3. The presentence report is to be disclosed to Cohens, defense counsel, and the United States on or before **August 12, 2016**; however, the Probation Officer is not to disclose the sentencing recommendations made pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32(e)(3);

4. Counsel may file written objections to the presentence report on or before **August 26, 2016**;

5. The Office of Probation shall submit the presentence report with addendum to the Court on or before **September 12, 2016**; and

6. Counsel may file any written sentencing statements and motions for departure from the Sentencing Guidelines, including the

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factual basis from the statements or motions, on or before
September 26, 2016.

The magistrate judge continued Cohens on bond pursuant to the
Order Modifying Conditions of Release (dkt. no. 58) entered on
February 25, 2016.

The Court will conduct the sentencing hearing for the
defendant on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 12:15 P.M.** at the
Clarksburg, West Virginia point of holding court.

It is so **ORDERED.**

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to
counsel of record, the defendant and all appropriate agencies.

DATED: May 31, 2016

/s/ Irene M. Keeley
IRENE M. KEELEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE